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VIA FAX &amp; MAIL

Dear Corporation Commissioners:

On behalf of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, I am writing to strongly support the development of clean, renewable energy production in Arizona. The Mayor and Council believes that the *Solar and Environmentally Friendly Portfolio Standard* being considered by the Arizona Corporation Commission is good public policy.

This standard requiring utilities to purchase 1% of their power from renewables by the year 2005 will boost development of Arizona's renewable energy manufacturers, create good jobs throughout the state in renewable energy, and help keep Arizona's air clean.

Adopting the *Portfolio* will also help bring electricity to many rural locations where power lines are too expensive. Thousands of Native Americans in isolated locations have no electricity. The Hopi and Navajo Nations, for example, are installing residential and small-scale solar electricity facilities. The *Portfolio* would accelerate these and other rural electrification efforts.

Beyond Arizona's borders, the market for renewable energy technologies, particularly in third world countries, is rapidly expanding. The *Portfolio* will greatly increase Arizona's role as a center for manufacturing and exporting renewable energy technologies.

The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson urge the Corporation Commission to include the *Solar and Environmentally Friendly Portfolio Standard* as part of Arizona's deregulation rulemaking.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Walkup  
Mayorcc: Councilmembers  
Luis Gutierrez - City Manager

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